

Bill # 259 PH 3-12-14

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To Whom It May Concern:

It has come to my attention that the legislature's Judiciary Committee will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, March 12 at 12:00 P.M. in Room 2E of the Legislative Office Building on Senate Bill 259: An Act Concerning the Recommendations of the Connecticut Sentencing Commission Regarding the Enhanced Penalty for the Sale or Possession of Drugs Near Schools, Day Care Centers, and Public Housing Projects, with a proposal to reduce the current 'drug free zone' outside of schools, day care centers, and public housing complexes from the current 1500 feet to 200 feet.

Why would anyone wish to bring drugs and criminals 1300 feet closer to our most precious assets, our children? I have thought at length about the possible 'reasons' that it would be beneficial to reduce the range, and quite simply, cannot think of a single beneficial reason to allow such people to have closer access. If anything, increasing the amount of footage that covers/protects these centers would be beneficial to society as a whole.

Please consider this email as my staunch "no" on allowing criminals to be closer to my children.

Thank you.

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